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### **District Man Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison For Daytime Assault with Tire Iron**

WASHINGTON - Tyron Harris, 22, was sentenced today to an eight-year prison term for attacking a man last year with a tire iron, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Harris, of Washington, D.C., was convicted by a jury in May 2010 of charges of aggravated assault while armed and assault with a dangerous weapon. The verdict followed a five-day trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He was sentenced today by the Honorable Judge Ann O'Regan Keary.

According to evidence presented at trial, on October 5, 2009, the victim, 28, went to visit his child at his child's mother's house located near Just Street and Division Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. While at that intersection, the victim tried to break up an altercation between Harris and another individual. After that altercation ended, the victim left the scene on foot with the individual. The victim went to a bus stop on Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue NE, and while he stood waiting there, Harris pulled up in a vehicle driven by an unknown suspect.

Harris and the unknown suspect confronted the victim, and both assaulted him multiple times in the head and body with a tire iron taken from the trunk of the vehicle. The victim, beaten unconscious, received more than 30 staples and stitches in his head and body. Several bystanders called 9-1-1 while Harris and the unknown assailant fled the scene. Harris was arrested five days after the attack.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department, and particularly praised the work of Sixth District Detective Jeffrey Dixon. He also commended the work of Paralegal Richard Cheatham for helping to prepare the case for trial. Finally, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela Saffoe, who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney B. Michael Ortwein III, who took the case to trial.

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